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#### **Introduction**

The World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) presents itself as a neutral, apolitical organization dedicated to fostering leadership and unity among chiropractic students worldwide. However, an in-depth examination of WCCS's activities, affiliations, and policy engagements reveals a different reality—one that suggests the organization is not merely a student-led initiative but a strategic vehicle for advancing the interests of what has been referred to as the Chiropractic Cartel by the United States Department of Education and others.

WCCS operates under the significant influence of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), an organization with deep ties to the organizations operating within the Chiropractic Cartel, World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN). While these global health entities claim to advocate for evidence-based chiropractic care, their policies overwhelmingly favor an anti scientific, mechanistic, pain-based model of chiropractic, sidelining the traditional subluxation-based approach that has been foundational to the profession. By aligning with WFC, anti-subluxation related organizations, WHO, and UN-backed health initiatives, WCCS actively promotes an ideological framework that marginalizes vitalistic chiropractic and reinforces the regulatory and educational dominance of the Chiropractic Cartel—a network of organizations seeking to monopolize chiropractic education, licensing, and practice worldwide.

This report presents compelling evidence that WCCS is not an apolitical student organization but rather a pipeline for indoctrinating chiropractic students into an anti-subluxation, allopathic-aligned agenda. Through its close relationship with WFC and anti-subluxation hate groups, WCCS has become a conduit for the broader global chiropractic governance agenda, steering the future of the profession away from its foundational principles and toward a model that prioritizes medicalization and integration into mainstream healthcare systems at the cost of professional autonomy.

#### **Key Areas of Investigation:**

- WCCS's relationship with WFC and its alignment with WHO/UN health policies
- WCCS's exclusion of subluxation-based organizations like IFCO
- The strategic role of WCCS in advancing the mechanistic chiropractic model through its student outreach and global partnerships with anti-subluxation groups
- The financial and structural support WCCS receives from the Chiropractic Cartel, ensuring compliance with its agenda

- The broader implications of WCCS's activities on chiropractic education, licensing, and professional standards

This report will expose how WCCS functions as a Trojan horse, advancing an ideological and political agenda under the guise of student leadership and professional unity. Rather than representing the diverse perspectives within chiropractic, WCCS is being used as a tool to entrench the WFC and its agents' control over the profession, shaping future chiropractors to accept an anti-subluxation, allopathic-aligned framework that serves the interests of powerful regulatory and institutional entities rather than the chiropractic profession itself and the public it serves.

### **WCCS' Apolitical Claim is Demonstrably False**

The **World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS)** claims to be an **apolitical organization**, as stated in its official mission:

*"To provide an apolitical platform on which chiropractic students and new graduates are able to develop leadership skills and a deeper understanding of the diversity within chiropractic, necessary to advance the chiropractic profession in the wider healthcare industry."*

However, extensive research into WCCS's quarterly reports, website, and bylaws reveals that the organization is deeply engaged in political and ideological activities, particularly through global affiliations, advocacy initiatives, and policy influence.

### ***Evidence That WCCS Is Not Apolitical***

WCCS's strong alignment with the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations places it within international health policy discussions. The WFC is the only chiropractic organization in official relations with WHO, and WCCS operates directly under WFC's influence. WCCS members attend WHO's World Health Assembly (WHA) as part of the WFC delegation, actively participating in global chiropractic advocacy and health policy formulation consistent with the WFC agenda. Additionally, WCCS supports WHO-backed health initiatives, such as Act4SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals Week). These along with ESG scores serve as part of the so called New World Order being ushered in under the WHO/UN.

### ***WHO, the United Nations, SDGs, ESGs, and the loss of Personal Autonomy***

The recent decision by the United States to pull out of the WHO and United Nations has placed a spotlight on those organizations within chiropractic that actively promote their agenda. Given the role of WHO in the running up to the pandemic and its actions since to dictate response and sideline informed consent, it's a mystery why any chiropractic organization would continue to support and be involved in these efforts.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) scores have become focal points for control mechanisms, corporate and organizational compliance.

SDGs are not merely about sustainable development but are part of a larger scheme to control populations. These goals aim to reduce personal freedoms, eliminate private property, and enforce a global government through environmental and social regulations.

ESG scores are used as tools to force corporations into compliance with this agenda. These scores are used to manipulate market behaviors, enforce social changes, and monitor individual and corporate actions leading to a loss of economic sovereignty.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) uses SDGs and ESG metrics to "reset" capitalism, redistribute wealth, and fundamentally alter societal structures. This is a pretext to introduce policies like universal basic income, strict environmental laws, and the curtailment of consumer choices, all under the guise of sustainability.

These frameworks are used to centralize power, conduct surveillance, control health policies, and erode national identities and freedoms. These activities are linked to mandatory health interventions and environmental policies that limit human activity under the pretext of "saving the planet."

This has significant implications for organizations like the WFC, ICA, World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) and others who support them despite their claim of being apolitical since they are deeply involved with these international bodies. WCCS's alignment with the WFC, WHO, and participation in UN-backed events like the SDGs Week are active endorsements and participation in these agendas, further complicating a mission of neutrality within the chiropractic profession. This involvement, therefore, positions WCCS at the intersection of global health policy, education, and these efforts, challenging its stated apolitical stance.

In addition they promote public health campaigns focused on mechanistic, pain-based chiropractic care. Given WHO's role in setting global healthcare policy directives, which influence licensing, professional autonomy, and integration into medical systems, WCCS's engagement contradicts its claim of being apolitical by making it a direct participant in international healthcare regulation.

Beyond WHO involvement, WCCS actively engages in chiropractic ideological and policy advocacy, collaborating with international regulatory bodies such as the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS), the Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth Hub (WHO-affiliated), and the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS). These organizations play a significant role in shaping chiropractic education, defining the scope of practice, and influencing professional regulations. WCCS's direct participation in policy

discussions at the WHO's World Health Assembly underscores its involvement in political decision-making spaces.

Additionally, WCCS does not engage with subluxation-based organizations like the International Federation of Chiropractors and Organizations (IFCO). The absence of IFCO and other subluxation related organizations and schools from WCCS reports, combined with WCCS's preference for WFC/WHO-aligned mechanistic chiropractic models and anti-subluxation hate groups, further suggests that WCCS takes an ideological stance that excludes subluxation-focused chiropractic care.

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) maintains a close relationship with the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS), a connection that is repeatedly highlighted in WCCS newsletters and reports. The WFC is described as an international consulting body representing chiropractic to the global healthcare community, with official non-state actor status in relation to the World Health Organization (WHO).

WCCS members actively participate in WFC-led initiatives, including attendance at the WFC Biennial Congress and other WFC-sponsored events. The WFC also financially supports and sponsors WCCS activities, such as the Annual General Meeting (AGM), ensuring that the student organization remains aligned with the broader global objectives of the WFC.

Additionally, WCCS representatives frequently participate as part of the WFC delegation at the WHO's World Health Assembly (WHA), further embedding WCCS within the WFC's influence.

The WFC is the only chiropractic organization in official relations with WHO, giving it a unique level of perceived influence over global chiropractic policy. As a result, WCCS members routinely attend WHO-led events as part of the WFC delegation. For example, WCCS representatives were present at the 76th WHO World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, where discussions focused on universal health coverage, rehabilitation, and disability rights.

In 2024, WCCS members also participated in the 77th WHO World Health Assembly, continuing their engagement in international chiropractic advocacy under the WFC's direction. In an attempt to further solidify its role in WHO policymaking, WCCS applied for Civil Society Organization recognition with WHO, which would allow the organization to become more actively involved in pushing WFC aligned public health discussions and chiropractic-related global health initiatives.

Beyond WHO, WCCS has also engaged with the United Nations (UN), primarily through its participation in WHO-affiliated programs and events. WCCS representatives attended sessions at United Nations and WHO Headquarters in Geneva, aligning their advocacy efforts with UN-supported global health initiatives. Additionally, WCCS collaborates with the Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth Hub, a WHO-affiliated initiative that engages young healthcare professionals, further strengthening WFC's agenda through the WCCS's involvement in UN-backed healthcare advocacy.

The WFC-WCCS relationship is strong and well-documented, with the WFC playing a major role in funding, guiding, and representing WCCS at WHO, the United Nations and international chiropractic events. Through this relationship, WFC, WFC related schools and organizations and WHO hold significant influence over WCCS, shaping its policies and advocacy efforts in global chiropractic health discussions. Furthermore, WCCS's engagement with the UN, primarily through WHO-related initiatives, ensures its continued alignment with international healthcare governance, reinforcing the WFC's broader mission to integrate chiropractic into a WHO-UN approved, mechanistic healthcare framework.

The evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that WCCS is not apolitical but rather deeply embedded within the political and ideological structures of global healthcare governance and a myriad of chiropractic political organizations, schools and individuals – including those who push an anti-subluxation, anti-vitalistic agenda as will be seen later in this report. Its close ties to the WFC, WHO, and UN place it in direct alignment with international policy-making bodies that influence healthcare regulations, chiropractic education, and professional standards. By actively participating in WHO's World Health Assembly, supporting WHO-backed initiatives, and engaging with regulatory organizations that define the scope of chiropractic practice right alongside the WFC, WCCS plays a strategic role in advancing a mechanistic, pain-based chiropractic model. Moreover, its exclusion of subluxation-based organizations like IFCO and its involvement with anti-subluxation hate groups and schools underscores a deliberate ideological alignment that contradicts its claims of neutrality. As WCCS continues to integrate within the WHO and UN frameworks, its role in shaping the future leadership of chiropractic will be dictated by global health agendas rather than a balanced representation of the diverse philosophical perspectives within the profession.

### ***WCCS' Claim of Political Neutrality is a Myth***

Despite its repeated assertions of neutrality, the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) operates as a highly engaged political entity, directly influencing chiropractic policy and global health initiatives under the guidance of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), World Health Organization (WHO), and United Nations (UN). WCCS's financial ties, strategic partnerships, and advocacy activities place it squarely within the political and ideological structures of global healthcare governance, where its influence actively supports the mechanistic, pain-based chiropractic model while simultaneously marginalizing subluxation-based, vitalistic chiropractic. By aligning with WFC's regulatory agenda, WHO's healthcare policies, and UN-backed initiatives, WCCS perpetuates the anti-subluxation, anti-vitalistic stance that dominates chiropractic education and professional regulation. Its exclusion of subluxation-focused organizations such as IFCO and its engagement with numerous anti-subluxation hate groups and schools further prove that its commitment to diversity within chiropractic is selective. Rather than acting as an impartial student organization, WCCS serves as a pipeline for indoctrinating future chiropractors into a global governance model that seeks to reshape the profession according to the dictates of WHO, WFC, and their allied institutions. This intentional ideological

alignment not only invalidates WCCS's claim of being apolitical but also underscores its role as a strategic asset in the broader agenda to control the future of chiropractic worldwide.

### **Subluxation Management is Marginalized and Framed as Non-Evidence Based**

Consistent with the practice of the WFC the term "subluxation" appears infrequently in the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) quarterly reports over the past two years. A detailed analysis reveals that the only occurrence was limited to just the January 2023 issue related to philosophical discussions rather than clinical advocacy.

In the January 2023 WCCS Quarterly Report, subluxation is discussed only in theoretical and philosophical contexts. One mention contrasts vitalistic chiropractors—who uphold vertebral subluxation and the adjustment as foundational concepts—with mechanistic chiropractors, who prefer the terms joint dysfunction and manipulation. Another reference highlights BJ Palmer's vision of a "subluxation-free world", framed within a discussion about whether chiropractic's future should focus on broad health improvement or solely on eliminating subluxations. As if the two were mutually exclusive. Additionally, the report asserts diversity in chiropractic thought, by stating that while some practitioners consider subluxation a core principle, others take a different approach framed as the evidence-based option. This contributes to the misinformation spread by the Chiropractic Cartel related to evidence informed practice and reinforces the false premise that those who practice in a subluxation model are not evidence based.

A broader review confirms that subluxation is not mentioned in any other WCCS quarterly reports beyond the January 2023 edition.

The WCCS report acknowledge the term "subluxation," but only as part of a broader philosophical debate, rather than advocating for its clinical relevance. The contrast between mechanistic and vitalistic perspectives is evident, with subluxation being associated primarily with the vitalistic side of chiropractic. Furthermore, the WFC's influence over WCCS appears to shape its stance, as chiropractic education and professional development under WFC guidance do not emphasize subluxation-based care. Instead, the WFC aligns WCCS's approach with its broader public health and mechanistic, pain-based model.

### ***No Reference to Subluxation on the WCCS Website***

Additionally, a review of the WCCS website found no references to subluxation, further reinforcing the organization's avoidance of traditional subluxation-based chiropractic concepts. This absence suggests that WCCS prioritizes a more generalized, mechanistic, pain-based view of chiropractic, likely shaped by WFC policies, its relationships with anti-subluxation hate groups and WHO-UN aligned public health frameworks.

### **WFC Leadership Front & Center at WCCS**

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) leadership is mentioned repeatedly in WCCS quarterly reports, primarily in the context of the WFC's global chiropractic advocacy,

partnerships, and participation in major health policy events. Several key WFC figures are consistently referenced, including Dr. Richard Brown (WFC Secretary-General). Brown is a well known subluxation denier and critic of the management of vertebral subluxation referring to those who practice in such a fashion as practicing a pseudo-religion and a cult. Brown has called for those who practice this way to be "eradicated".

Brown is a past President of the British Chiropractic Association and has stated his and the BCA's support for prescriptive drug rights for chiropractors as well. During COVID he promoted the use of the mandated and experimental vaccine stating: "No one is safe until everyone is safe" and pushing the false notion that "the vaccine protects you and those around you". Under his leadership at the WFC the organization led the charge on the false narrative that chiropractic does not have a clinically beneficial effect on the immune system and that chiropractors should not make such claims.

In response to physiotherapists and podiatrists in England being given the right to prescribe drugs such as anti-inflammatories and painkillers BCA President Richard Brown stated:

“This decision will provide significant benefits for patients and complement the care they are able to receive from physiotherapists and podiatrists. It will also reduce the need for patients to return to their GPs for their medication”.

Brown's statement continued:

“The BCA, which is committed to improving quality and enhancing patient choice in the provision of musculoskeletal services, has already made representation to the statutory regulator, the General Chiropractic Council for the chiropractic profession to acquire prescribing rights and supports on-going dialogue to achieve this objective.”

Brown admittedly had “argued that the scope of practice for chiropractors should not be restricted and that an opportunity for the profession to compete with its physiotherapy colleagues in the competitive marketplace of musculoskeletal services would be strengthened by permitting limited prescribing of drugs.”

Brown refers chiropractors who focus on managing subluxation as “one trick ponies” stating:

“For chiropractic to gain credibility, we must also accept that we cannot simply be one-trick ponies. Claims by some chiropractors that we should not be diagnosticians but merely the correctors of vertebral subluxation perpetuate the myth that consulting a chiropractor will invariably involve lengthy programmes of spinal manipulation.”

The notion that subluxation centered chiropractors all recommend “lengthy programmes” is a recurring theme in Brown's writing. In a presentation at the WFC Conference in 2013, Brown refers to these chiropractors as “evangelists” practicing what he refers to as “pseudo-religious systems”:

“We must eradicate from the profession those peddling pseudo-religious systems of so-called care, who prey on the vulnerable and coerce them into financially crippling extended care contracts.

Dr. Kendra Da Silva (newly appointed WFC President), Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles (Past WFC Council Member), Dr. John Maltby (ICA Representative to WFC), Dr. Julie-Lyn Noel (EUROSPINE Director of Education), Dr. Anthony Woolf (Past Chair of the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health), and Jamie Greenawalt (President of Foot Levelers Inc., a collaborator and major sponsor of WFC) and their roles reflect the WFC’s attempt to have the WCCS wield significant influence over global chiropractic education, advocacy, and public health initiatives.

A major area where WFC and WCCS leadership are prominently featured is global health policy representation, particularly at the WHO’s World Health Assembly (WHA) in 2023 and 2024. WCCS board members joined the WFC delegation at these events, reinforcing WFC’s status as the only chiropractic organization in official relations with WHO. This official status allows WFC representatives (including WCCS members) to advocate for chiropractic at the highest levels of global health governance. Key figures such as Dr. Richard Brown, Dr. Deborah Kopansky-Giles, and Dr. Anthony Woolf play significant roles in these high-profile meetings, where WFC’s presence attempts to solidify its authority in setting international chiropractic policies.

In 2024, Dr. Kendra Da Silva was appointed as the new WFC President, further cementing the organization’s commitment to its global chiropractic agenda. WCCS acknowledged and celebrated her appointment, noting her strong support for WCCS initiatives both locally in South Africa and internationally. This transition in leadership signifies a continuation of WFC’s longstanding strategy to integrate chiropractic education and advocacy into WHO-UN backed public health frameworks and to seed chiropractic’s future generations with their propaganda through the WCCS.

### **Summary of WFC Leadership Mentions**

The WFC leadership is frequently referenced in WCCS reports, primarily in relation to WHO-UN partnerships, global chiropractic education, and professional advocacy efforts. Among the leadership, Dr. Richard Brown (Secretary-General) and Dr. Kendra Da Silva (President) are the most frequently mentioned individuals, reinforcing their highly influential roles within both WCCS and the broader chiropractic profession. Ultimately, WFC’s financial support, advocacy platforms, and global networking opportunities for WCCS ensure that chiropractic students worldwide remain closely aligned with WFC’s long-term policy goals, further solidifying its control over the profession’s future direction.

Beyond policy, WFC and WCCS leadership also plays a dominant role in shaping chiropractic education and professional advocacy. WCCS representatives attended the WFC Global Education Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where past WCCS President Tamia Abrahams presented, further integrating student voices into WFC's education initiatives and giving students the appearance of input. Similarly, WCCS members participated in the 17th WFC Biennial Congress on the Gold Coast, Australia, in which chiropractic students engaged with international leaders within the Chiropractic Cartel. These events serve as key networking and indoctrination opportunities for students aligned with the WFC's mechanistic, pain-based chiropractic model.

### **Financial Support**

Another critical aspect of WFC's influence over WCCS is its financial sponsorship and structural support. The WFC directly sponsors major WCCS events, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM), reinforcing WFC's role in controlling student engagement at a global level. Through this sponsorship, the WFC ensures the continuity of WCCS, using it as a vehicle to advance its own policy initiatives and maintain student alignment with its limited vision for chiropractic.

### **Relationships Between National and International Chiropractic Organizations, the WFC and WCCS**

The WCCS quarterly reports over the past two years mention multiple national and international chiropractic organizations, primarily in the context of partnerships, advocacy, and educational collaborations. These mentions overwhelmingly favor WFC-aligned organizations that promote a mechanistic, pain-based, anti-subluxation chiropractic model and align with WHO-UN and public health mandates.

One of the most frequently referenced organizations by the WCCS is the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic (FICS). FICS is an associate member of the WFC and plays a key role in enforcing WFC-aligned educational standards for sports chiropractic. The WFC recognizes FICS certification for chiropractors and encourages its members to meet FICS's educational criteria for sports chiropractic. This ensures that sports chiropractic remains aligned with a mechanistic, musculoskeletal, pain-based framework, excluding any reference to subluxation-based models.

Another organization with deep ties to the WFC and WCCS is the Association of Italian Chiropractors (AIC). AIC is formally affiliated with the WFC and serves as WFC's official representative for Italy. The AIC website openly states its affiliation with the WFC and lists it as one of its partners. Similarly, the Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) is fully integrated into the WFC's structure, with CAI membership automatically including full membership in both the WFC and the European Chiropractic Union (ECU). The CAI website acknowledges WFC as a resource for its members and publicly supports WFC-led health literacy initiatives. The WFC website also formally lists CAI as its national member association for Ireland, ensuring WFC-aligned policies dominate Irish chiropractic practice and education.

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) is the most frequently mentioned international chiropractic organization in WCCS reports. WCCS collaborates closely with WFC for advocacy at WHO-UN events, including participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA). The WFC directly sponsors WCCS activities, providing funding and ensuring WCCS representatives attend WFC-led global conferences, such as the WFC Biennial Congress and the Global Education Conference in Malaysia.

The International Chiropractic Regulatory Society (ICRS) is another organization mentioned in WCCS reports. The ICRS is the international “arm” of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and the Chiropractic Cartel. The ICRS’s role is largely regulatory, reinforcing global chiropractic licensing and education standards aligned with WFC, ACA, NBCE, CCE and WHO mandates.

### **Other Chiropractic Organizations Aligned with WFC & WCCS**

Several national chiropractic associations are prominently mentioned in WCCS reports, reinforcing WFC-aligned policies at the national level. The Association of Italian Chiropractors (AIC) is an example, with WCCS alumni serving on its Board of Directors and crediting their leadership development to their time in WCCS. This highlights WCCS’s role in shaping future chiropractic leaders who adhere to WFC-backed ideologies.

Similarly, the Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) extends free membership to all WCCS members, granting them access to CAI events and professional networking opportunities. The Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) is affiliated with the WFC and the CAI's website states that membership in the CAI includes full membership in both the WFC and the European Chiropractic Union (ECU). The CAI website also mentions that they support a health literacy initiative by the WFC and lists the WFC as a resource for its members. Finally, the WFC website lists the CAI as its member association for Ireland. This ensures that WCCS students remain aligned with WFC-endorsed educational and advocacy structures.

In South Africa, ChiroSport South Africa is another WCCS-affiliated national organization. Former WCCS board member Dr. Muhammed Tagari was elected to ChiroSport’s management committee, highlighting the pathway from WCCS involvement to national chiropractic governance. The South African Allied Health Professions Council (AHPCSA) is also linked to WCCS, with Prof. Christopher Yelverton—a speaker in WCCS’s Speaker Series—serving as a council member since 2016. This affiliation ensures that South African chiropractic regulation remains aligned with WFC-backed policies.

Yelverton is Head of Department of Chiropractic at University of Johannesburg which is a signatory to the International Chiropractic Education Collaboration Clinical and Professional Chiropractic Education Position Statement, joining 12 other institutions that have renounced subluxation around the world (more on this later in the report).

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) is also featured in WCCS's educational programs. Dr. Elise Hewitt, a guest speaker in WCCS Speaker Series, served as Pediatrics Council President for the ACA for 10 years and was recognized as ACA's Academician of the Year (2023). This underscores the WCCS-ACA connection and its shared commitment to an allopathic-friendly chiropractic model.

### **Chiropractic Student and Advocacy Organizations**

WCCS's engagement with international student advocacy organizations further reflects its alignment with WHO-backed policies. The Global Health Workforce Network (GHWN) Youth Hub is a WHO-affiliated initiative, and WCCS is listed as an active member. This involvement ensures that WCCS are indoctrinated into global public health workforce discussions, promoting a chiropractic model that aligns with the WHO-UN healthcare vision. Similarly, WCCS collaborates with the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA) on public health advocacy, including participation in the Youth Pre-WHA Summit before the WHO's World Health Assembly.

The International Pharmaceutical Students Federation (IPSF) also appears in WCCS reports, reinforcing the organization's relationship with global pharmaceutical and medical advocacy groups. Notably, former WCCS President Dr. Damiano Costa introduced chiropractic to IPSF, ensuring that WCCS-aligned chiropractors remain engaged with pharmaceutical-backed healthcare models.

### **Notably Absent Chiropractic Organizations**

In contrast to these numerous mentions of WFC-affiliated organizations, the International Federation of Chiropractors and Organizations (IFCO) and other subluxation focused groups are entirely absent from WCCS reports. This omission highlights WCCS's deliberate exclusion of perspectives related to subluxation-based and vitalistic chiropractic. This reinforces WCCS's ideological bias against traditional chiropractic principles and its loyalty to WFC-approved chiropractic frameworks.

The WCCS's alignment with WFC-approved organizations ensures that mechanistic, pain-based chiropractic remains the dominant model in global advocacy and education. By exclusively collaborating with WFC-backed groups such as FICS, AIC, CAI, ACA, and regulatory councils like ICRS, WCCS actively marginalizes subluxation-focused chiropractic and reinforces WFC's authority over the profession.

Furthermore, the total absence of IFCO and other subluxation focused groups in WCCS reports may be a deliberate effort to erase alternative perspectives and ensure that students remain aligned with WFC-backed healthcare narratives. Through its partnerships with WHO-affiliated student organizations such as GHWN and IFMSA, WCCS continues to integrate chiropractic into broader medicalized public health frameworks, ensuring that future chiropractors are trained within a system that rejects traditional chiropractic philosophy.

## **Chiropractic Educational Programs & Schools**

The WCCS quarterly reports frequently mention various chiropractic schools in the context of student engagement, leadership, events, and partnerships. These mentions highlight the schools that are most active in WCCS initiatives, their role in hosting major events, and their contributions to chiropractic education and advocacy.

A major player is Universidad Veracruzana (UV) in Mexico, which hosted AGM 2024 in Veracruz. The school has a strong presence in WCCS leadership, with Dr. Diana Nápoles, a past Board Secretary and Public Relations Director, being one of the most notable representatives. UV has also collaborated with UQTR and Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) for the 2024 Americas Regional Event (ARE), reinforcing its status as a key institution within WCCS. CMCC (Canada) has been an active participant in WCCS events, including ARE 2024, and its students have consistently held leadership positions in WCCS.

The President of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) Dr. David Wickes has referred to anyone practicing in a subluxation, vitalistic model as "the gangrenous arm of the profession that needs to be cut off".

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College proudly reports that they are signatories to the International Chiropractic Education Collaboration Clinical and Professional Chiropractic Education Position Statement, joining 12 other institutions that have renounced subluxation around the world. This document is based upon and supports the theme of the World Federation of Chiropractic's Educational Statement formulated in November 2014.

Among other things the anti-subluxation hate group's Position Statement includes:

“The teaching of vertebral subluxation complex as a vitalistic construct that claims that it is the cause of disease is unsupported by evidence. Its inclusion in a modern chiropractic curriculum in anything other than an historical context is therefore inappropriate and unnecessary.”

Among the most frequently mentioned institutions is the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) in Canada, which has played a significant role in hosting WCCS events, including the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the 2024 Americas Regional Event (ARE). UQTR has also been a major source of WCCS leadership, with multiple board members, including Edith Scalabrini (Director of Internal Affairs) and Gabrielle Nepton (Regional Coordinator for America), originating from the university. Faculty and students from UQTR are frequently engaged in research and global chiropractic advocacy, further cementing the school's influence in WCCS.

Not only is Three Rivers a signatory to the anti-subluxation hate group's statement but so is its student union.

In Europe, Institut Franco-Européen de Chiropratique (IFEC) in France hosted the 2024 European Regional Event in Paris and has strong representation in WCCS leadership, including Florian Allix (IFEC student) serving as WCCS External Affairs Director.

IFEC is also a signatory to the anti-subluxation International Chiropractic Education Collaboration Clinical and Professional Chiropractic Education Position Statement

The New Zealand College of Chiropractic (NZCC) has hosted the Western Pacific Regional Event and frequently engages in WCCS activities related to sports chiropractic and public health.

The University of Southern Denmark (SDU) is also a signatory to the anti-subluxation ICEC Position Statement and is set to host AGM 2025, reinforcing its strong European representation and anti-subluxation stance in WCCS leadership.

Meanwhile, in Australia, Macquarie University and Murdoch University are mentioned in WCCS reports and are both signatories to the anti-subluxation ICEC Position Statement.

Barcelona College of Chiropractic (Spain) and Teesside University (UK) have both expressed interest in joining WCCS, while the Welsh Institute of Chiropractic (WIOC) has already seen student participation in European WCCS events and is also a signatory to the anti-subluxation ICEC Position Statement.

In the United States, few schools participate in the WCCS. Cleveland University - Kansas City (CUKC) in the United States reactivated its WCCS chapter in 2023-2024 and is set to host the 2025 Americas Regional Event (ARE). Notably, Sierra James, the CUKC Chapter President, was featured in a WCCS Membership Spotlight, highlighting her experiences in chiropractic school and WCCS leadership. In 2022 World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) Secretary-General Richard Brown delivered a keynote address at the CLEVELAND CENTENARY CELEBRATION at Cleveland University in Kansas City as the school celebrated its 100th anniversary. According to Brown his Keynote included: "setting out the vision, mission and principles of the WFC and the global status of chiropractic".

Palmer College of Chiropractic (USA) was featured once in WCCS's Alumni Spotlights, particularly for its graduates working in neurology and upper cervical care. Logan University (USA) has also maintained a strong WCCS presence, with alumni such as Dr. Sean Flannery (Class of 2019) and Dr. Samantha Morones (Class of 2020) being featured in WCCS initiatives.

Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS) in the USA has also reactivated its WCCS chapter in 2024 and has played an active role in AGMs and regional events. SCUHS faculty member Dr. Sean Flannery (Logan alum) has been deeply involved in WCCS leadership and student mentorship.

### **Context in Which Chiropractic Schools Are Mentioned**

WCCS quarterly reports mention chiropractic schools primarily in the context of their involvement in various organizational activities. These schools play a significant role in hosting and participating in WCCS regional events and Annual General Meetings (AGMs), providing a platform for students to engage in chiropractic advocacy and networking. Additionally, they contribute to leadership development by producing student leaders who take on key roles in WCCS governance, shaping the future direction of the organization. Many chiropractic institutions also support research initiatives and encourage student engagement in public health advocacy, reinforcing the WFC and ICEC's broader mission within the healthcare community. Furthermore, these schools are instrumental in reactivating and forming new WCCS chapters, ensuring the continued expansion and influence of the organization across different regions.

The consistent presence of so many institutions in WCCS activities that have signed on to the IECE's anti-subluxation hate statement demonstrates a clear pattern of influence, particularly among schools that align with an anti-subluxation, anti-vitalistic mission and vision for the profession.

### **Conclusion - WCCS is an Unwitting Participant in a Larger Plan**

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) participates in what has been called the Chiropractic Cartel, a group of organizations that have worked to consolidate power over chiropractic education, licensing, and practice worldwide. The Chiropractic Cartel consists of various entities such as the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), the secretive Chiropractic Summit Group and the WFC itself. These organizations, often under the guise of standardization and public protection, have effectively created a monopolistic structure that stifles competition, marginalizes subluxation-based chiropractic, and forces compliance with an allopathic model of care that runs counter to the founding principles of the profession.

This cartel has exerted its influence by controlling accreditation standards, licensing requirements, and educational curricula, ensuring that only those who conform to their medicalized model are allowed to practice without obstacles. In the United States, the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) has long been criticized for monopolizing accreditation and restricting diversity in chiropractic education. The results have been disastrous for students—leading to astronomical tuition costs, crushing student loan debt, and an educational system that many have argued provides insufficient return on investment given chiropractors' income potential. Borrower's defense claims and fraud allegations against chiropractic colleges for misleading marketing practices have become increasingly common, reflecting a growing dissatisfaction with the economic reality of chiropractic education under cartel control.

Efforts to restore freedom to chiropractic education, licensing, and practice have gained momentum, with calls for breaking up the monopoly on accreditation, licensing and testing and allowing alternative educational institutions to thrive. There is a push to reform licensing

requirements, ensuring that graduates of non-CCE accredited schools are allowed to practice if they meet competency-based benchmarks rather than rigid, politically motivated restrictions and unnecessary competency testing by the NBCE. Additionally, there is a broader demand to eliminate the influence of the cartel in defining chiropractic by allowing professional organizations and state boards to adopt standards that align with the philosophical roots of the profession rather than an allopathic framework.

Ironically, instead of resisting this monopolization, students—through organizations like the World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS)—are being used as unwitting pawns in the cartel’s scheme. Rather than advocating for reforms that would reduce costs, increase opportunities, and allow for true educational diversity, student groups are often manipulated into promoting the cartel’s agenda, pushing for greater regulation and continued oversight by the very entities that have burdened them with insurmountable debt and limited professional opportunities. If students truly understood the economic and professional consequences of these monopolistic structures, they would be advocating for the dismantling of the chiropractic education monopoly, not reinforcing it. It is imperative that the next generation of chiropractors recognize this reality and fight for a free and competitive chiropractic landscape that prioritizes affordable education, meaningful professional opportunities, and a commitment to chiropractic’s true identity.